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## NEWS

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### Animal Shelter Teaches Lessons in Kindness

This school year, the City of San Marcos Animal Services Division is reaching San Marcos's youngest citizens with lessons in kindness to animals.

Animal Services is providing 25 San Marcos elementary-school classrooms with the children's newspaper *KIND News* to help teachers encourage good character in children. The award-winning newspaper teaches children about proper pet care, respect for wildlife and other topics through articles, activities, projects, and puzzles.

In April 2009, San Marcos Animal Services started an Adopt-a-Classroom program to fund the initiative and has received donations from individuals, community groups, and businesses such as Horizon Bay, San Marcos Mutt-Strutt, Grooming By Trish and B&B Quilting and Gifts.

The Adopt-a-Classroom program and *KIND News* will be a vital part of City of San Marcos Animal Services' efforts to solve animal-related problems in San Marcos and surrounding communities, including pet overpopulation, neglect, and cruelty.

City of San Marcos Animal Services is seeking individuals and groups to further support the program to achieve its goal of adopting 200 classrooms. Donors may select a specific classroom to receive these materials, or Animal Services can make the selection from their list of classrooms waiting to be adopted.

Each \$30 contribution made to Animal Services for the Adopt-a-Classroom program provides a K-6 teacher and his or her class with 28 copies of *KIND News* and a teacher's guide every month of the school year. Teachers also receive a calendar of fun facts and tips to reinforce lessons in kindness.

To make a contribution or for more information about the Adopt-a-Classroom program, please contact City of San Marcos Animal Services at (512) 805-2650 or visit [sanmarcostx.gov/animaladoptions](http://sanmarcostx.gov/animaladoptions).

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